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SUBJECT: WTDR INFORMATION: MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL
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1. WTD INFORMATION ON MRA-MINERAL RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION
INSTITUTE OF TURKEY (REQUESTED IN REF B AS INSTITUTE OF MINING AND
RESEARCH) WAS TRANSMITTED BY REF (A).

2. FOLLOWING IS WTD INFORMATION ON THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES (MENR):

A. MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES WAS ESTABLISHED
IN 1964 UNDER LAW NO. 4951--LAW REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENTS OF
MINISTRIES (PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL GAZETTE NO. 6410 OF SEPTEMBER 17,
1946). IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN RESPONSE TO THE NEED FOR THE GATHERING
OF INFORMATION AND CONDUCT OF STUDIES CONCERNING ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES IN ONE SINGLE MINISTRY DURING EACH PLANNING
PERIOD.

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES ARE ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY
AND NATURAL RESOURCES:-

DSI-STATE HYDRAULIC WORKS

MTA-MINERAL RESEARCH AND EXPLORATION INSTITUTE (REF A.)

EIEI-ELECTRICAL SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

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TKI-TURKISH COAL ENTERPRISES

TPAO-TURKISH PETROLEUM CORPORATION
PETROLEUM OFFICE
TEK-TURKISH ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY
PETKIM-PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

B. IN GENERAL IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPROVEMENT, MANAGEMENT
AND UTILIZATION OF ALL MINERAL, PETROLEUM, WATER AND ENERGY NATURAL
RESOURCES FOR INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLIC NEEDS. SPECIFICALLY, ITS ACTIVITI
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MAY BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

- TO PREPARE ALL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PLANS, PROGRAMS
AND PROJECTS, AS WELL AS TO MAKE ALL PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS FOR
RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION, CONTROL AND PROTECTION OF ALL
ENERGY, WATER, MINERAL AND PETROLEUM RESOURCES ON AN ECONOMIC
BASIS AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MODERN TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS;
- TO IMPLEMENT ALL PROJECTS THRU ITS OWN, PRIVATE AND/OR
ASSOCIATED AGENCIES;
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
GRANT RESEARCH CONCESSIONS, TO MAINTAIN REGISTER OF THEIR TRANSFER
AND CONCESSION AND TO CONTROL AND MONITOR RESEARCH ACTIVITIES
DURING THE CONCESSION PERIOD;
- CONSISTENT WITH NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE PUBLIC
NEED, TO ESTABLISH GENERAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH,
DISTRIBUTION, STOCKING, TRANSPORT AND CONSUMPTION OF ALL NATURAL
RESOURCE PRODUCTS;
- TO ESTABLISH THE GENERAL POLICY IN DISTRIBUTION
ACTIVITIES, EXPORTATION OF EXCESS PRODECTS, IMPORTATION WHEN
NECESSARY AND FIXING PRICE LISTS FOR ALREADY OBTAINED PRODUCTS;
- IN CONFORMITY WITH THE CURRENT DEVEOPMENT PLAN
AND PROGRAMS TO CLOSELY EXAMINE AND CONTROL ACTIVITIES OF ALL
ATTACHED AND ASSOCIATED AGENCIES AND TO COORDINATE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THOSE AGENCIES;
- WHEN EXISTING REGULATIONS ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET
PRESENT STANDARDS, TO PREPARE AND IMPROVE RULES AND REGULATIONS
AS REQUIRED.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO CAUTION THAT CONTINENTAL SHELF RIGHTS TO LARGE
AREAS OF THE AEGEAN SEA ARE IN DISPUTE BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.
AMERICAN COMPANIES CONSIDERING OPERATIONS IN THESE WATERS SHOULD
CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

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